

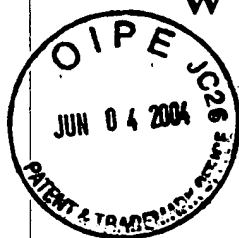
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TRANSMITTAL FOR SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 is an Information Disclosure Statement, which includes the following statements, if any, required variously by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98:

— Statement of relevance of selected cited references not in the English language which are not translated.

— Statement that selected cited references are substantially cumulative of an enclosed or previously submitted reference.

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A. Additional Materials Required Due to Content of Information Disclosure Statement

Transmitted are the following documents in addition to the Information Disclosure Statement as required variously under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98:

X Form PTO-1449 listing seven (7) references submitted for consideration.

X Copies of seven (7) of the references listed on the Form PTO-1449.

____ English translations of ____ (_____) of the references listed on the Form PTO-1449 which are not in the English language.

____ Copies of the following documents from the prosecution of a previous, related application:

____ Form PTO-1449 AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT; and

____ Form PTO-892

B. Additional Materials Required Due to Timing of Filing of Information Disclosure Statement

The transmitted Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within one (1) of the following four (4) time periods:

I. ____ Prior to the later of either three (3) months following the filing date or the mailing of a first Office Action. Accordingly, no materials other than those listed above are enclosed.

II. ____ Following the latter of either three (3) months following the filing date or the mailing of a first Office Action, but before the mailing of a final Office Action or a Notice of

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☐ Promptness Certification; or

☐ Check No. _____ in the amount of \$180.00 constituting the submission fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p).

☐ Authorization to charge deposit account no. 23-3178 for payment of any fee required in relation to filing of this letter or any documents transmitted therewith.

III. ☒ After the mailing of a Notice of Allowance, but before payment of the Issue Fee. Accordingly, in order to secure consideration thereof, each of the following are also enclosed:

☐ Promptness Certificate;

☐ Petition for Consideration; and

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☐ Check No. _____ in the amount of \$ _____ constituting the petition fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i)(1).

C. Fees

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of or any deficiency in the following fees associated with this communication, or to credit any overpayment thereof, to Deposit Account No. 23-3178. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

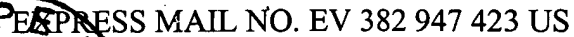
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- X The submission fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p).
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Dated this 4th day of June, 2004.

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Moreover, while no representation is made that a specific search of office files or patent office records has been conducted or that no better art exists, the undersigned attorney of record believes that the enclosed art is the closest to the claimed invention (taken in its entirety) of which the undersigned is presently aware, and no art which is closer to the claimed invention (taken in its entirety) has been knowingly withheld.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, a copy of each of the listed references or relevant portion thereof is also enclosed.

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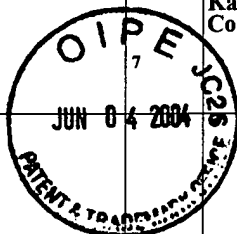
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